

MINCE PIE

in early england
a king and his men
were lost in the
forest someone came
to put everything
together -- mince pie

MIDDLEBURY POEMS

1

small dark
room of glass

pewter dark
cupboards full of

jars from england

a woman's eyes
painted on china

glancing down
looked in
to the tea leaves,

left her name there

2

walking from ticonderoga
leaves in their faces
carrying grain

stopped in the
one log cabin

there was just
one towel some
one had to go to

the river to wash it
in the morning to be
ready for night

3

soft roads hills like
multiple breasts
narrow valleys

men moving inland
moving north

like a glacier

4

all this hair from
one family hung
on the wall

wreaths of hair
blonde hair pulled

from a baby hair
like grave grass
twisted under glass,
all this cut from
the heads of

myricks russells

100 years ago

5

3 years in the house
it must have been july

my mother walking out
into the garden
touching the
vines leaves of

mint, lemon
hating to leave
then a

neighbor came
scared, crying the
men cut canoes

and waited hoped
the rumor was wrong

my mothers fingers smelling
of mint on the raft

people crying all the
way to pittsford

PHOTOGRAPH

this one's at a
tilt no people
in it really 2
white cats the
ones saved when
we moved from
the stucco house
to the apartment
on main street
gave the fluffy
one to nanny the
grass needs a
cutting some
one's shape be
hind the etched
front glass as
unclear lost
as the year this
was or what wld
happen finally
to these white
cats that had
come on my 6th
birthday after i
dreamed they did

HEAT WAVE

after the mist burns
off the whole
house starts dripping
smells you hadn't

smelled for years
the hall where
a rat died old
flies smells

like chunks of
ugly times you want
to forget july
your man sneaks

around on you
sneaks the steiglitz
prints out of
the closet

coming back in
dreams like the
smell of the
rat thats gone

KYOTO

someone sweeping
leaves with a
straw broom

incense sticks
in the reeds

huge leaves
on the water

ADIRONDACK

1

chickadees nut
hatches junco
at night a pair
of ducks beaver
pushing arrow
heads in the
black lake

2

blue herons
otters near
the dock
one climbs